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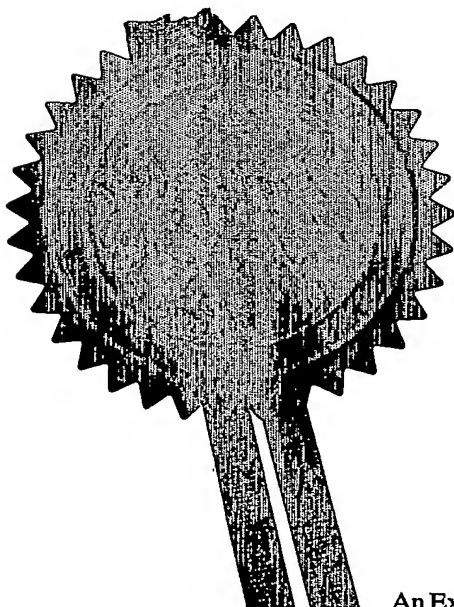
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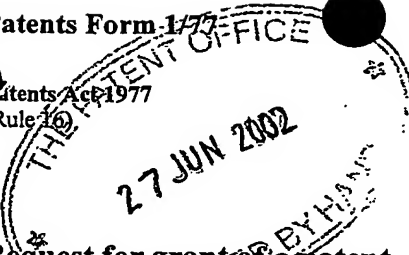
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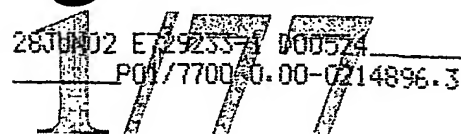
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Gene for increased somatic recombination

**TECHNICAL FIELD**

The present invention relates to DNA that encodes proteins that control somatic recombination, in particular in plants.

**BACKGROUND**

Cells of all organisms have evolved a series of DNA repair pathways that counteract the deleterious effects of DNA damage and are triggered by intricate signal cascades. Homologous recombination in plants stabilizes the genome by repairing damaged chromosomes simultaneously generating genetic variability through the creation of new genes and new genetic linkages. Repair of DNA damage by recombination is particularly significant for cells under exogenous and endogenous genotoxic stress because of its potential to remove a wide range of DNA lesions. The current understanding of genetic and molecular components underlying meiotic and somatic recombination and DNA repair in plants is limited. To be able to modify or improve DNA repair using gene technology it is necessary to identify key proteins involved in said pathways or cascades.

The precise manipulation of the genome of higher plants still is a major challenge for plant genetic engineering. Some advances have been made recently for the creation of point mutations at predetermined positions by chimeric RNA/DNA oligonucleotides (Beetham et al. 1999, Hohn & Puchta 1999, Zhu et al. 1999, Kipp et al. 2000, Zhu et al. 2000). However, the targeted insertion of longer stretches of DNA sequence at any desired location ("knock-in") or the replacement of predetermined plant genomic sequences by heterologous DNA ("knock-out") via homologous recombination is at present not possible as a routine technique (Mengiste & Paszkowski 1999, Puchta 2002).

Few reports have appeared in the literature that describe successful "gene targeting" in higher plants (Paszkowski et al. 1988, Lee et al. 1990, Offringa et al. 1990, Miao & Lam 1995, Kempin et al. 1997, Hanin et al. 2001), but the reported absolute numbers and relative

frequencies of the desired events were very low. Indeed, the main problem for "gene targeting" experiments is the low frequency of the desired homologous recombination events -  $10^{-3}$  to  $10^{-5}$  (Hohn & Puchta 1999, Mengiste & Paszkowski 1999) - relative to illegitimate recombination/integration events.

Various attempts of increasing the low relative frequency of targeted homologous recombination events, by improved selection schemes ("positive-negative selection") or by providing extended regions of sequence homology, were not successful (Thykjaer et al. 1997, Gallego et al. 1999). One promising strategy to facilitate gene targeting in higher plants would be to shift the balance between illegitimate and homologous recombination events towards the latter, by facilitating homologous recombination events in plants by genetic manipulation (Gherbi et al. 2001).

One approach described in the literature is the expression in plants of heterologous proteins known to be involved in homologous recombination. Overproduction of the bacterial resolvase RuvC was shown to increase somatic inter- and intrachromosomal recombination, as well as extrachromosomal recombination (Shalev et al. 1999), but no gene targeting studies were reported yet with this system. Expression of the bacterial RecA protein had similar effects (Reiss et al. 1996, Reiss et al. 1997), but subsequent experiments did not show an increase of gene targeting events (Reiss et al. 2000). So far, it is not clear whether heterologous proteins can successfully interact with the plant recombination machinery to affect the outcome of the recombination events required for gene targeting. In addition, these foreign proteins might have undesired side effects in plants.

An alternative approach is to rely on endogenous plant genes to influence the frequency of homologous recombination events. So far, indirect approaches have been reported to isolate plant genes involved in recombination. The cloning of plant orthologs to recombination and repair genes from other species was reported (Klimyuk & Jones 1997, Doutriaux et al. 1998, Hartung & Puchta 1999, Gallego et al. 2000, Lin et al. 2000), but so far the importance of these genes for recombination in plants has not been evaluated. Functional screens have been carried out to identify plant mutants hypersensitive to genotoxic treatments (Davies et al. 1994, Jenkins et al. 1995, Jiang et al. 1997, Masson et al. 1997, Albinsky et al. 1999, Mengiste et al. 1999). Since recombination is an important mechanism for DNA repair, some of these mutants might be affected in their recombination behavior. This was experimentally

demonstrated for some X-ray hypersensitive *Arabidopsis* mutants that also showed reduced levels of somatic recombination (Masson & Paszkowski 1997), although the affected gene has not been isolated. Recently, a DNA damage hypersensitive *Arabidopsis* mutant was isolated from a T-DNA tagged population, the affected gene (MIM) was cloned and shown to encode an SMC (Structural Maintenance of Chromatin) protein. Since the *mim* mutant showed decreased frequencies of somatic recombination, MIM seems be involved in some aspect of somatic recombination (Mengiste et al. 1999). Also in tobacco a hyperrecombinogenic mutant was isolated (Gorbunova et al. 2000). However, the gene affected could not be isolated so far.

Previously, a genetic system was described to study somatic homologous recombination between repeated sequences in whole plants (Swoboda et al. 1994, Puchta et al. 1995a, Puchta et al. 1995b). Briefly, a transgene carrying two non-functional halves of the  $\beta$ -glucuronidase reporter gene sharing a stretch of sequence identity serves as a reporter construct. Homologous recombination between the repeated sequences results in the restoration of a functional reporter gene. Such events were detected by a sensitive histochemical assay, and confirmed by Southern blotting. This assay is destructive, since the staining procedure is lethal, so that direct isolation of mutants is difficult.

Therefore, there is a need in the art to identify genes that increase somatic recombination and this invention meets that need.

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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 depicts sequences related to mbm17.5 A. predicted cDNA of mbm17.5 B. predicted protein sequence of MBM17.5 C. full length cDNA of mbm17.5 D. protein sequence of MBM17.5 E. Over-expressed transcript of mbm17.5 in mutant hw17

Figure 2 depicts sequences related to mbm17.6 A. predicted cDNA of mbm17.6 (DNA polymerase III) B. predicted protein sequence of MBM17.6 (DNA polymerase III)

Figure 3 depicts the partial sequence of Osmbm17.5>EST clone RICS1367A, *Oryza sativa* homolog of mbm17.5

Figure 4 depicts the partial sequence of zmmbm17.5>EST clone 603011H11, *Zea mays* homolog of mbm17.5

Figure 5 depicts AtIno80 sequence and related sequences A. AtIno80 coding sequence B. AtIno80 derived protein sequence C. Alignment of AtIno 80 sequence and public sequence, At3g57300, showing splicing difference ("Query" refers to AtIno80 sequence; "Sbjct" to public database sequence, gi|18410689|ref|NM\_115590.1| (AGI:At3g57300)

Figure 6 depicts the nucleotide sequences of AtRvb1 (At5g22330)

Figure 7 depicts the nucleotide sequences of AtRvb21 (At5g67630)

Figure 8 depicts the nucleotide sequences of AtRvb22 (At3g49830)

Figure 9 depicts the nucleotide sequences of At3g57290

Figure 10 depicts the alignment of protein sequences from MBM17.5, zmMBM17.5 and osMBM17.5, helicase motifs are marked as squares

## **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention provides an isolated nucleic acid, in particular DNA, comprising a sequence having 98.5% or more identity with the sequences depicted in Figure 1C, Figure 1E or Figure 5A. Also provided are vectors and host cells comprising the nucleic acids of the invention, as well as polypeptides encoded by the nucleic acids.

In a further aspect of the invention, a method for inducing homologous recombination in a cell is provided, comprising modulating the expression or properties of one or more gene

products selected from the group consisting of MBM17.5, MBM17.6, osMBM17.5, zmMBM17.5, AtIno80, At3g57300, Rvb1 (At5g22330), Rvb21 (At5g67630), Rvb22 (At3g49830) and At3g57290, their homologues, fragments or derivatives. In one embodiment, modulation is achieved by increasing expression of the gene product, such as by introducing a nucleic acid encoding the gene product into the cell operably linked to a promoter; and allowing transcription and translation of the gene in an amount sufficient to affect homologous recombination in said cell.

The method can be used to increase somatic homologous recombination and/or meiotic homologous recombination. The promoter can be an inducible promoter, a tissue-specific promoter, a constitutive promoter or a meiosis-specific promoter, depending on the desired effect.

Also provided is a method of increasing gene targetting to a desired locus in a host cell comprising introducing a desired gene into a host cell, modulating the expression or properties of one or more gene products selected from the group consisting of MBM17.5, MBM17.6, osMBM17.5, zmMBM17.5, AtIno80, At3g57300, Rvb1 (At5g22330), Rvb21 (At5g67630), Rvb22 (At3g49830) and At3g57290, or functional fragments, derivatives and homologues thereof in the host cell, and detecting integration of the desired gene at a selected locus in the genome of the host cell.

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

The present inventors have used a direct screening approach to identify mutants of *Arabidopsis thaliana* showing increased frequencies of somatic recombination, by visualizing recombination events in living plants from a mutagenized population and directly isolating plants with the desired phenotype. The description below describes a genetic screen and two *Arabidopsis* mutants *hw17* and *sm22* derived from it, and the associated plant genes responsible for the altered recombination phenotype.

Existing technologies for gene targeting in plants are very inefficient. The modulation of the expression or properties of one or more gene products selected from the group consisting of MBM17.5, MBM17.6, osMBM17.5, zmMBM17.5, AtIno80, At3g57300, Rvb1 (At5g22330) and Rvb2(1 and 2; also referred to herein as Rvb21 or At5g67630, and Rvb22 or At3g49830, respectively and At3g57290, increases the efficiency of gene targeting events and facilitates

the routine manipulation of the genome of higher plants by homologous recombination. For the purposes of this disclosure, to avoid repetition, reference to the above group of gene products is meant to include reference to each gene individually, i.e., the modulation of the expression or properties of MBM17.5, the modulation of the expression or properties of MBM17.6, and so on.

An *in vivo* screen for *Arabidopsis* mutants has been devised to allow direct detection of mutants with increased recombination. As a result of the screen, and mutant plants with a more than 10-fold increased or altered frequency of somatic recombination events are provided, as well as the plant genes, MBM17.5, MBM17.6, osMBM17.5, zmMBM17.5, AtIno80, At3g57300, Rvb1 (At5g22330), Rvb21 (At5g67630), Rvb22 (At3g49830) and At3g57290 affected in these mutant plants, and orthologs from other plant species. The screen allows the identification of mutant plants, and plant genes with a strong effect on recombination having little or no undesired side effects on the plant. An increase in homologous recombination frequency is useful to achieve an increased efficiency of gene targeting in plants.

Within the context of the present invention reference to a gene is to be understood as reference to a DNA coding sequence associated with regulatory sequences, which allow transcription of the coding sequence into RNA such as mRNA, rRNA, tRNA, snRNA, sense RNA or antisense RNA. Examples of regulatory sequences are promoter sequences, 5' and 3' untranslated sequences, introns, and termination sequences.

A promoter is understood to be a DNA sequence initiating transcription of an associated DNA sequence, and may also include elements that act as regulators of gene expression such as activators, enhancers, or repressors.

Expression of a gene refers to its transcription into RNA or its transcription and subsequent translation into protein within a living cell. In the case of antisense constructs expression refers to the transcription of the antisense DNA only.

The term transformation of cells designates the introduction of nucleic acid into a host cell, particularly the stable integration of a DNA molecule into the genome of said cell.

Any part or piece of a specific nucleotide or amino acid sequence is referred to as a

component sequence or fragment.

In one aspect of the invention, nucleic acids and polypeptides are provided that can modulate homologous recombination. A nucleic acid according to the present invention comprises a sequence having 98.5%, 99%, 99.5% or more identity with the sequences depicted in Figure 1C, Figure 1E or Figure 5A. The DNA sequence in Figure 1A is 99.8% identical to Figure 1C, due to the different splicing. The nucleic acid can be DNA or RNA, such as, mRNA, rRNA, tRNA, snRNA, sense RNA or antisense RNA. Also provided is a vector comprising the nucleic acid of the invention, as well as host cells comprising the vector or nucleic acid of the invention. Suitable vectors and host cells are described in more detail below. Also provided are polypeptides encoded by the nucleic acids of the invention.

In a further aspect of the invention, methods for increasing homologous recombination are provided by modulating the expression or properties of one or more gene products selected from the group consisting of MBM17.5, MBM17.6, osMBM17.5, zmMBM17.5, AtIno80, At3g57300, Rvb1 (At5g22330), Rvb21 (At5g67630), Rvb22 (At3g49830) and At3g57290. In order to increase homologous recombination several methods are useful depending on the gene and the gene targeting technique employed. Typically, modulation will mean increasing the activity of the gene product, which can easily be achieved by methods known in the art.

In one embodiment, the desired gene is overexpressed in a host cell in an amount sufficient to increase homologous recombination in the host cell. By "overexpression", it is meant increasing the amount of desired gene product in a host cell, compared to untreated cells. A simple way to achieve overexpression is to produce transgenic host cells, in particular transgenic plants, carrying a construct (vector) that ectopically overexpresses the sequence of interest under the control of a suitable promoter, such as the 35S CaMV, MAS (mannopine synthase) or ubiquitin promoter.

In another embodiment, an inducible promoter is used to allow an increase in homologous recombination frequency at the time and place needed, for example, for gene targeting.

Alternatively, the construct increasing recombination can be provided at the same time as the targeting construct by co-transformation, the effect is then achieved by the transient expression of the construct containing the said genes.

It will be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that functional fragments, homologues or derivatives of the desired gene can be used. Dynamic programming algorithms yield different kinds of alignments. In general there exist two approaches towards sequence alignment. Algorithms as proposed by Needleman & Wunsch and by Sellers align the entire length of two sequences providing a global alignment of the sequences. The Smith-Waterman algorithm on the other hand yields local alignments. A local alignment aligns the pair of regions within the sequences that are most similar given the choice of scoring matrix and gap penalties. This allows a database search to focus on the most highly conserved regions of the sequences. It also allows similar domains within sequences to be identified. To speed up alignments using the Smith-Waterman algorithm both BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) and FASTA place additional restrictions on the alignments.

Within the context of the present invention alignments are conveniently performed using BLAST, a set of similarity search programs designed to explore all of the available sequence databases regardless of whether the query is protein or DNA. Version BLAST 2.0 (Gapped BLAST) of this search tool has been made publicly available on the internet (currently <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/>). It uses a heuristic algorithm which seeks local as opposed to global alignments and is therefore able to detect relationships among sequences which share only isolated regions. The scores assigned in a BLAST search have a well-defined statistical interpretation. Particularly useful within the scope of the present invention are the blastp program allowing for the introduction of gaps in the local sequence alignments and the PSI-BLAST program, both programs comparing an amino acid query sequence against a protein sequence database, as well as a blastp variant program allowing local alignment of two sequences only. Said programs are preferably run with optional parameters set to the default values.

For example, GenBank database annotation of mbm17.5 predicted a gene with similarities to Rad26 nucleotide excision repair proteins. Comparison of the predicted protein-coding segments against the GenPept/SwissProt protein database using the BLASTP program revealed many similar protein sequences of known function of the SWI2/SNF2 helicase/ATPase protein family. A similarity search of the protein database revealed that the central region of this predicted protein of 1043 amino acids has significant similarity to a number of proteins involved in DNA binding, repair, recombination, and chromatin



remodeling. In particular, the human protein ERCC6 (Troelstra et al. 1992), involved in Cockayne's syndrome, and its *S. cerevisiae* homologue RAD26 (van Gool et al. 1994) are important for the repair of active genes, the proteins RAD54 and rph54, from *S. cerevisiae* and *S. pombe* (Emery et al. 1991, Muris et al. 1996) and their mammalian homologues (Essers et al. 2000) are involved in DNA recombination and repair, and the yeast proteins MOT1 (Davis et al. 1992) and SNF2 (Laurent et al. 1991, Richmond & Peterson 1996) are known to affect the expression of numerous genes, most likely by ATP-dependent chromatin remodeling. All these proteins share an extended protein sequence motif with the predicted product of the MBM17.5 coding sequence, the so-called helicase/ATPase domain of the SWI2/SNF2 protein family (Görbalñya & Koonin 1993, Aravind et al. 1999, Muchardt & Yaniv 1999, Travers 1999) and may be useful in increasing homologous recombination frequency.

Sequence alignments using BLAST can also take into account whether the substitution of one amino acid for another is likely to conserve the physical and chemical properties necessary to maintain the structure and function of the protein or is more likely to disrupt essential structural and functional features of a protein. Such sequence similarity is quantified in terms of a percentage of "positive" amino acids, as compared to the percentage of identical amino acids and can help assigning a protein to the correct protein family in border-line cases.

Specific examples of DNA and encoded proteins according to the present invention are described in Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Typically, functional fragments or derivatives are characterized by an amino acid sequence comprising a component sequence of at least 150 amino acid residues having 40% or more identity with an aligned component sequence of the one or more of the polypeptides encoded by the DNA of Figures 1 to 9. Preferably the amino acid sequence identity is higher than 50% or even higher than 55%.

DNA encoding proteins according to the present invention can be isolated from monocotyledonous and dicotyledonous plants. Preferred sources are corn, sugarbeet, sunflower, winter oilseed rape, soybean, cotton, wheat, rice, potato, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, cucumber, sweet corn, daikon, garden beans, lettuce, melon, pepper, squash, tomato, or watermelon. However, they can also be isolated from mammalian sources such as mouse or human tissues. The following general method, can be used, which the person

skilled in the art knows to adapt to the specific task. A single stranded fragment of the desired gene consisting of at least 15, preferably 20 to 30 or even more than 100 consecutive nucleotides is used as a probe to screen a DNA library for clones hybridizing to said fragment. The factors to be observed for hybridization are described in Sambrook et al, Molecular cloning: A laboratory manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, chapters 9.47-9.57 and 11.45-11.49, 1989. Hybridizing clones are sequenced and DNA of clones comprising a complete coding region encoding a protein characterized by an amino acid sequence comprising a component sequence of at least 150 amino acid residues having 40% or more sequence identity to the protein sequence encoded by the desired gene is purified. Said DNA can then be further processed by a number of routine recombinant DNA techniques such as restriction enzyme digestion, ligation, or polymerase chain reaction analysis. The disclosure of the nucleotide sequences in Figs 1-9 enables a person skilled in the art to design oligonucleotides for polymerase chain reactions which attempt to amplify DNA fragments from templates comprising a sequence of nucleotides characterized by any continuous sequence of 15 and preferably 20 to 30 or more basepairs of the desired gene.

Suitable vectors for practicing the methods of the invention are well known in the art. Similarly, host cells can be derived from monocotyledonous or dicotyledonous plants. Preferred sources are corn, sugarbeet, sunflower, winter oilseed rape, soybean, cotton, wheat, rice, potato, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, cucumber, sweet corn, daikon, garden beans, lettuce, melon, pepper, squash, tomato, or watermelon. However, host cells can also be isolated from other sources, including mammalian sources such as mouse or human cells, in particular stem cells. It is preferred that mammalian homologues are used in mammalian cells.

The methods for increasing homologous recombination are useful to obtain gene targeting so that a gene of interest is introduced into the genome at a desired locus, instead of randomly. For some hosts, in particular crop plants, the gene is preferably expressed in a selected tissue where expression is needed. This is easily achieved by the use of tissue specific promoter. Thus, the present invention provides a method for increasing somatic homologous recombination and increasing gene targeting by modulating the expression or properties of one or more gene products selected from the group consisting of MBM17.5, MBM17.6, osMBM17.5, zmMBM17.5, AtIno80, At3g57300, Rvb1 (At5g22330), Rvb21

(At5g67630), Rvb22 (At3g49830) and At3g57290, and fragments, derivatives and homologues thereof, essentially as described above.

The methods are also useful to improve meiotic recombination, thereby facilitating breeding of species, in which genes encoding a particular phenotype are transferred between plants. Crossing in an interesting trait from another variety or species into a given variety by conventional breeding is a very time and labour-intensive process. Several generations of back-crosses have to be carried out to eliminate the undesired genetic material of the donor species, while maintaining the desired phenotype or trait. Using the methods described above for increasing homologous recombination, meiotic recombination frequencies can be increased, preferably by expressing the desired gene under the control of a meiosis-specific promoter or inducible promoter, the breeding process is speeded up. Thus, the present invention provides a method for increasing meiotic recombination by modulating the expression or properties of one or more gene products selected from the group consisting of MBM17.5, MBM17.6, osMBM17.5, zmMBM17.5, AtIno80, At3g57300, Rvb1 (At5g22330), Rvb21 (At5g67630), Rvb22 (At3g49830) and At3g57290, and fragments, derivatives and homologues thereof, essentially as described above.

The Examples below are provided for illustrative purposes and are in no way intended to be limiting to the invention.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

##### **Example 1: Identification of At5g63950 (MBM17.5) as gene effective in increasing homologous gene recombination in the mutant hw17.**

We have used for our screening a newly constructed a transgenic *Arabidopsis thaliana* line that carries a recombination reporter construct based on the firefly luciferase gene. The structure of the reporter construct - two segments of the luciferase gene arranged as inverted repeats - is comparable to that of the previously described beta-glucuronidase reporter (Swoboda et al. 1994, Puchta et al. 1995a, Puchta et al. 1995b), but offers the advantage that recombination events can be detected in living plants. Luciferase activity in cells in which recombination has restored an intact luciferase gene can be detected by light emission after application of the substrate D-luciferin using a high-sensitivity CCD camera (Millar et al. 1992, Millar et al. 1995a, Millar et al. 1995b, Michelet & Chua 1996).

To induce hyperrecombination mutations in the luciferase recombination reporter line, we used T-DNA activation tagging with a mutagenic construct (pAC102). "Activation tagging" refers to the transcriptional activation of endogenous plant genes by random integration of a construct that carries promoter or enhancer sequences. One published approach for "activation tagging" is the introduction, via *Agrobacterium*-mediated gene transfer, of a T-DNA carrying several copies of the cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) 35S enhancer (Fang et al. 1989), which can activate the expression of heterologous genes over a distance (Hayashi et al. 1992, Walden et al. 1994, Kakimoto 1996, Kardailsky et al. 1999, Weigel et al. 2000). Another published approach is the introduction of a complete, outward-pointing CaMV 35S promoter on a transposable Ds element (Wilson et al. 1996, Schaffer et al. 1998, Fridborg et al. 1999). The construct "pAC102" used for our experiments is a combination of these previously described elements: it is a binary vector carrying a T-DNA that can be transferred to plants that contains a complete, outward-pointing copy of the CaMV 35S promoter/enhancer close to the right T-DNA border. Thus, this construct combines the ease of application of T-DNA gene transfer with the genetic ability of a complete promoter, avoiding some of the drawbacks of enhancer-only constructs (Weigel et al. 2000).

In principle, the activation tagging construct can cause several kinds of mutations after integration in the plant genome: gene disruption by insertion within a coding sequence, activation of plant gene expression by action of the CaMV 35S enhancer, direct expression of a plant gene from the CaMV 35S promoter on the T-DNA, or down-regulation of expression by antisense RNA production driven from the CaMV 35S promoter. The pAC102 T-DNA carries in addition to the 35S promoter a complete copy of the pUC cloning vector to facilitate gene cloning by plasmid rescue (Dilkes & Feldmann 1998), and a sulfonamide resistance marker (Guerineau et al. 1990, Reiss et al. 1996) for selection of transgenic plants.

We transformed 13.000 three-week old *Arabidopsis* ecotype Columbia plants from the luciferase recombination reporter line with the activation-tagging T-DNA construct "pAC102" by *Agrobacterium*-mediated gene-transfer, using the established "floral dip" procedure (Clough & Bent 1998) with a modified infiltration buffer, in which the Silwet L-77 detergent was replaced by 0.05% Extravon® (Ciba). Seeds from the infiltrated plants were harvested three weeks after infiltration. Transgenic progeny carrying the pAC102 activation tagging T-

DNA were selected by sowing seeds on perlite substrate drenched with Gamborg B5 mineral medium (Gamborg et al. 1968) containing 10 mg/l sulfadiazine (Sigma), and transferring surviving individuals after 10 days to soil. About 20,000 sulfonamide-resistant plants were isolated; they represent independent transformants with the pAC102 T-DNA activation tagging construct integrated at different random positions in the Arabidopsis genome.

When individual plants had grown to the 10-leaf stage, they were assayed for luciferase activity to detect somatic recombination events. Batches of 25 plants were sprayed with the substrate D-luciferin and pictures (typically two) were taken with a "Astrocam" (Gloor Instruments, Uster) by integrating photons over 15 min. Background noise and cosmic radiation was filtered out by correlating both images using the minimum function. Plants showing an increased number of sectors with luciferase activity relative to the average of the population were observed with a frequency of about 1 in 500 plants.

As a result of the screen, one plant line, termed "hw17", showed a more than 10-fold increase in number of luciferase sectors. The original transformed plant "hw17" was grown to maturity to obtain seeds. Progeny plants also showed an increase in number of luciferase-expressing sectors, suggesting that this plant line carries a heritable mutation resulting in increased somatic recombination frequencies. To characterize the T-DNA integration pattern in this plant line by Southern blotting, callus was induced from leaves of the original transformant, and genomic DNA was prepared once sufficient plant material was produced. DNA was digested with HindIII, transferred to nylon membranes after electrophoretic separation, and probed using a DIG-labeled pUC-bla (pUC beta lactamase) PCR product to detect genomic fragments carrying the right end of the pAC102 activation tagging T-DNA. HindIII cuts twice within the pAC102 T-DNA, and the pUC-bla segment detected by the probe lies between the T-DNA right border and one of these recognition sites. Therefore, each independent integration site is detected as a HindIII fragment on Southern blots consisting of the right end of the pAC102 T-DNA, including the pUC vector sequences and the CaMV 35S promoter, and a variable length of plant DNA extending from the right end integration site of the pAC102 T-DNA to the nearest HindIII restriction site in the plant genome.

Two bands of about 5 kb and 10 kb were detected, suggesting two independent T-DNA insertion events. To isolate the plant genomic sequences adjacent to the pAC102 T-DNA

integration, we used the technique of plasmid rescue cloning (Dilkes & Feldmann 1998, Mathur et al. 1998). Briefly, we digested plant genomic DNA with HindIII, circularized the resulting fragments by ligation at low DNA concentration, and transformed the ligation mixture into competent *E. coli* TOP10 cells (commercially available from INVITROGEN) by electroporation. Since the HindIII fragments containing the fusion joint between plant DNA and the right end of the activation tagging construct carry a plasmid origin and the ampicillin resistance gene (*bla*) contributed by pAC102, circularization of such fragments will result in a functional bacterial plasmid and confer ampicillin resistance to the *E. coli* cells.

Several colonies were obtained after plating the transformed bacteria on selection medium containing ampicillin. Plasmid DNA of these transformants was prepared and characterized by restriction analysis. The plasmids fell into two classes after re-digestion with HindIII: one class contained a HindIII fragment of approximately 5 kb, the other one of approximately 10 kb; corresponding to the size of the T-DNA integration fragments in the genome of the hw17 plant detected by Southern blotting described above.

To determine the nature of the plant sequences joined to the right end of the T-DNA, the plant DNA insert from these rescued plasmids was sequenced from both sides, using one custom sequencing primer complementary to the T-DNA right end reading towards the plant DNA, and the standard M13 reverse sequencing primer, reading from the pAC102 vector sequences into the plant DNA insert from the other end. The obtained DNA sequences were compared to the GenBank nucleotide database using the BLASTN search program.

The insert of one plasmid, pJL604.2, corresponding in size to the 10 kb band detected on the Southern blots, was highly similar to several Arabidopsis genomic ribosomal DNA gene repeat sequences. This suggests that one of the two pAC102 copies detected in the genome of the hyperrecombination mutant plant "hw17" is located within rDNA repeats. There are about 570 highly expressed copies of these sequences distributed throughout the Arabidopsis genome (Pruitt & Meyerowitz 1986), therefore we consider it very unlikely that changes of expression or mutation of one of them caused by an insertion of the activation tagging construct would cause a hyperrecombination phenotype.

The insert of a second plasmid, pJL604.1, was identical to part of a 52717 bp P1 clone (MBM17) derived from chromosome 5 of Arabidopsis thaliana (GenBank Accession number

AB019227; submitted on 29-OCT-1998 to the DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank databases by Yasukazu Nakamura, Kazusa DNA Research Institute). The sequence contained in the circularized rescued plasmid pL604.1 extends from nucleotide 20310 of MBM17, that is joined to the pAC102 right end with the 35S promoter, to a HindIII site at position 18503 in MBM17, that is joined to an internal HindIII site within pAC102. To confirm that the T-DNA - plant DNA junction found on plasmid pJL604.1 really is derived from the genome of the hyperrecombination mutant "hw17", we performed a PCR reaction with one primer annealing within the Arabidopsis genomic insert and one annealing close to the right border of the pAC102 T-DNA. Using pJL604.1 plasmid DNA or "hw17" plant genomic DNA, we observed a PCR product of identical size, confirming that pJL604.1 carries the authentic pAC102 - plant DNA fusion joint.

In the mutant plant "hw17", the right end of the pAC102 activation tagging T-DNA is fused to nucleotide 20310 of the plant genomic sequence, in such a way that the 35S promoter is pointing towards the beginning of the genomic clone MBM17. Further characterization of the genetic locus revealed complex rearrangements of DNA upon integration of the T-DNA. In particular, genomic Arabidopsis DNA was found inserted into the coding region of the predicted gene mbm17.6.

It has been reported that T-DNA insertions are often accompanied by small deletions or rearrangement of DNA sequences in the vicinity of the T-DNA (Mayerhofer et al. 1991; Nacry et al. 1998). Also, the enhancer present in the CaMV 35S promoter could affect the expression of genes over a distance and might act on several genes surrounding the integration site, although so far enhancer action observed in Arabidopsis plants in vivo in activation tagging experiments did not affect sequences further than 3.6 kb away (Weigel et al. 2000).

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remodeling. In particular, the human protein ERCC6 (Troelstra et al. 1992), involved in Cockayne's syndrome, and its *S. cerevisiae* homologue RAD26 (van Gool et al. 1994) are important for the repair of active genes; the proteins RAD54 and rph54, from *S. cerevisiae* and *S. pombe* (Emery et al. 1991, Muris et al. 1996) and their mammalian homologues (Essers et al. 2000) are involved in DNA recombination and repair, and the yeast proteins MOT1 (Davis et al. 1992) and SNF2 (Laurent et al. 1991, Richmond & Peterson 1996) are known to affect the expression of numerous genes, most likely by ATP-dependent chromatin remodeling. All these proteins share an extended protein sequence motif with the predicted product of the MBM17.5 coding sequence, the so-called helicase/ATPase domain of the SWI2/SNF2 protein family (Gorbalenya & Koonin 1993, Aravind et al. 1999, Muchardt & Yaniv 1999, Travers 1999).

We consider it most likely that the hyperrecombination phenotype detected in mutant line "hw17" is caused by insertion of the activation T-DNA into the predicted coding sequence MBM17.5. Since the recombination phenotype was observed in primary transformants, it is most likely dominant. An insertion of the pAC102 T-DNA at the observed position might cause a phenotype by disrupting the coding sequence of MBM17.5 and/or by the overexpression of a C-terminal fragment of this coding sequence that might have some activity by itself, or might interfere with the function of the intact MBM17.5 gene product. Using Northern Blot analysis and RT-PCR technology we have shown that the activation tag of the pAC102 is active in the mutant hw17, giving rise to a very abundant transcript (Figure 1) with a 705 bp open reading frame, homologous to the last 235 amino acids of the MBM17.5 protein. Although not wishing to be bound by theory, this truncated polypeptide may cause of the hyperrecombination phenotype of the mutant hw17 by sequestering out the functional, complete gene product.

Because of its strong similarity with other proteins known to be involved in DNA repair, chromatin structure and recombination, we consider that the MBM17.5 predicted coding sequence is the target for the mutation in the hyperrecombination mutant plant "hw17". The DNA sequence is a useful tool to manipulate somatic recombination in Arabidopsis. For example, over-expression of the truncated C-terminus of MBM17.5 is dominant, therefore allowing recombination frequency to be manipulated in selected cells by the use of tissue-specific promoters and/or transiently by use of inducible promoters.



The sequence of the cloned, full length cDNA of the mbm17.5 gene (Figure 1) encodes a protein of 1090 amino acids. There are two differences between the cloned and predicted protein sequence, due to the use of different splice sites *in vivo* than in the predicted transcript. Using sequence alignment algorithms we found that the highest similarity to known proteins is restricted to the central part of mbm17.5 (aa 370- aa 900), containing the seven conserved helicase/ATPase motifs of the SWI2/SNF2 helicase family. The amino- and carboxy-termini of the predicted protein MBM17 seem to be less strongly conserved. Orthologs of MBM17.5 in other plant species have been identified (see example 3 and 4).

The link between the hyperrecombination phenotype and the T-DNA insertion in MBM17.5 has been confirmed by segregation analysis of progeny up to the T6 generation. Analyses of plants over-expressing the cDNA, parts of it or anti-sense sequences can be used to demonstrate that the alteration of somatic homologous recombination frequency is due to mbm17.

#### **Example 2: Identification of At5g63960 (mbm17.6) as gene causing hyperrecombination in mutant hw17**

Due to the complex rearrangements upon integration of the mutagenizing T-DNA, other genes in the region of BAC clone mbm17 could be affected. While cloning of the T-DNA left border- genomic DNA cloning we found an insertion of Arabidopsis genomic DNA, located on TAC clone K19M22, into the coding region of the neighboring gene mbm17.6. The DNA is integrated 6 nucleotides down-stream of the putative start codon, probably abolishing the expression of a functional gene product of mbm17.6.

GeneBank annotation of mbm17.6 predicted a gene (Figure 2A) homologous to the DNA polymerase III, catalytic subunit of *S. cerevisiae* (Sitney et al. 1989). DNA polymerase III was shown to be involved in the accurate DNA replication (Simon et al. 1991; for review: Sugino 1995) and in post-replicative repair of damaged DNA (Torres-Ramos et al. 1997). DNA replication and repair pathways are dependent on DNA polymerases, so the hyperrecombination phenotype of hw17 could be caused by the presence of less or non-functional DNA polymerase III protein.

**Example 3: The rice homolog of mbm17.5 can be used to increasing homologous gene recombination**

Targeted genetic modification of the model plant *Arabidopsis* might become an important tool for academic research but the need for targeted gene placement is much higher in crop plants. Using t-Blast algorithm to seek plant EST database, we found rice (RICS1367A; MAFF DNA bank, Japan) EST clones. We sequenced the rice EST clone RICS1367A and found an open reading frame having high homology to the MBM17.5 protein sequence covering not only the conserved helicase/ATPase motifs (Figs. 3, 10) but extending to the C-terminus of mbm17.5. The rice homolog of mbm17.5 can be used for increasing the efficiency of targeted modification of rice plants, following the strategies described earlier.

**Example 4: The maize homolog of mbm17. 5 can be used to increase homologous gene recombination**

Using t-Blast algorithm to seek plant EST database, we found a maize (603011H11; Stanford University, USA) EST clone that is an ortholog of the *Arabidopsis* gene mbm17.5 (Figs. 4, 10). The maize homolog gene of mbm17.5 can be used to increase the efficiency of targeted modification of maize, following the strategies described above.

**Example 5: *sm22 mutant*. Determination of sm22 transcript (helicase/ATPase) as an agent that improves homologous recombination**

From the same screen as described in Example 1, a second hyperrecombination mutant plant was isolated called *sm22*. The original hyper-recombination phenotype of *sm22* plant shows an enhancement of about 20- to 50- fold for homologous recombination in the reporter line. No other obvious phenotype was seen and the seed yield was normal. Sulfonamide selection in the second generation (T2) revealed a 2/1 or 3/1 segregation of resistant seedlings, thus showing that there is only 1 locus (or 2 closely related loci) with an active T-DNA inserted. However, the T2 recombination phenotype was even lower (less or same number of recombination events per plant) than in the wild type.

After HindIII digestion of T1 callus genomic DNA prepared essentially according to the method of the Nucleon Phytopure protocol and Plant DNA extraction kit (Amersham), plasmid rescue was applied as described in example 1, which gave rise to two independent

junction fragments. The first one corresponds to a single T-DNA insertion without deletion (left border, LB, junction sequenced) in the N-terminal region of a putative ATPase/helicase gene At3g57300, in antisense orientation. The second T-DNA inserted in a gene with no obvious relationship to homologous recombination (gb AF082176\_1) and does not confer sulfonamide resistance. Six (T3) resistant families were analysed by PCR and Southern. Only one family contained some plants with the second insertion whereas all families have the helicase insertion site.

In subsequent generations, homozygous plants for the helicase insertion site were obtained. The homologous recombination frequency of heterozygous and homozygous plants for this insertion site was 80% and 20%, respectively, of the wild type level.

The predicted helicase gene (8kb genomic DNA) has about 20 exons encoding a protein of about 1489 amino acids. It is predicted to be an ATPase of the Swi2/Snf2 family, and contains several nuclear localization signals (NLS). The complete cDNA (4.8kb) was cloned in two steps. First, a public EST containing the 3' part was sequenced. Then the 5' part of the cDNA was amplified by RT-PCR on Col-0 (*Arabidopsis* Columbia ecotype, wild type) callus RNA (prepared with the Qiagen RNeasy Plant Kit), using primers in the 5' untranslated region including a stop codon in frame with the predicted ATG (sm5UT) to make sure that the complete 5' part of the cDNA was amplified. The primer sequences were sm5UT: ctagaagcttttaaggatTAAGactctcc and for 3' primer: ctcgtatgtatccccctctcc.

The ATPase/helicase encoded by the gene (AGI: At3g57300) is the putative *Arabidopsis* ortholog of the yeast Ino80p/YGL150c protein (Ebbert et al. (1999), Shen et al. (2000). Homologs exist in yeast, budding yeast, *Drosophila* and human. These four homologues have several highly conserved regions including the six motifs of the SWI2/SNF2 helicase domain. Several NLS suggest a nuclear localization of the gene product.

The yeast homolog (Ebbert et al., 1999), INO80(=YGL150c), which is part of a big complex >1MDa (monomeric form is 171KDa), containing two essential helicases Rvb1p and Rvb2p, implicates these genes in homologous recombination in Eukaryotes (Cho et al. 2001; Jonsson et al. 2001; Wood et al. 2000). Human Rvb1p and Rvb2p are also known (Kanemaki 1999, Ikura et al. 2000, Shen et al. 2000). In *Arabidopsis thaliana* we found three genes closely related to Rvbs from other organisms (. The first one is the ortholog of yRvb1

and we named it AtRvb1. We found two counterparts for yRvb2 that we named AtRvb21 and AtRvb22. The three genes are expressed (RT-PCR) and some of them are positively regulated by genotoxic stress (UVc, bleomycin). For treatment with Bleomycin (BLM) 2 week-old Arabidopsis seedlings were placed under sterile conditions in liquid GM medium containing 10-6M of BLM (Sigma) or 100 ppm of MMS (Fluka, Switzerland). For UV-C irradiation (6000 ergs) 2 week-old seedlings were irradiated with light provided by a HNS 55W OFR lamp (Osram). After treatment, plants were harvested at several time points (30min, 1h, 4h and 12h) and RNA extracted as described above. Then semi-quantitative RT-PCR analysis was performed with the following primers AtIno80

(TGATGGATCTATCACCATCAG ggtgggattccaatcacttc) AtRvb1 (ttgatgggccaatgatg cttccaaCCTAGGtgagatgtttcaacaaaatgtgc) AtRvb21 (tcaacagcaggacacaagg cccaatgCCTAGGaaatccgagttcaacatcctaatc) AtRvb22 (acaaaccagatatcagcacatgg aacaagtactcgctctcatgctc). In the sm22 background the steady state level of AtRvb21 and AtRvb22 was shown to be down-regulated using RT-PCR on RNA extracted as above mentioned.

This indicates that the components of the putative Arabidopsis Ino80 complex show co-regulation at the transcriptional level, supporting the use of Arabidopsis Rvb1, Rvb21 and Rvb22 to manipulate homologous recombination frequency in plants.

**Example 6: AtRvb1 as positive regulator of homologous recombination.**

As describe above (Example 5), the original recombination-up phenotype found in sm22 can be associated with an effect mediated by the Arabidopsis Rvb1 and 2 orthologs. Thus, AtRvb1 can be used as a positive regulator of homologous recombination.

**Example 7: AtRvb21 as positive regulator of homologous recombination.**

As describe above (Example 5), the original recombination-up phenotype found in sm22 can be associated with an effect mediated by the Arabidopsis Rvb1 and 2 orthologs. Thus, AtRvb21 can be used as a positive regulator of homologous recombination.

**Example 8: AtRvb22 as positive regulator of homologous recombination.**

As describe above (Example 5), the original recombination-up phenotype found in sm22 can be associated with an effect mediated by the Arabidopsis Rvb1 and 2 orthologs. Thus, AtRvb22 can be used as a positive regulator of homologous recombination.

**Example 9: At3g57290 as positive regulator of homologous recombination.**

In the *sm22* mutant (Example 5), the At3g57290p gene is potentially overexpressed by the 35S Enhancer/promoter. Over expression of this gene in the *sm22* context or directly with a 35S promoter can be carried out to reproduce the original recombination-up phenotype. The phenotype was lost in the second generation (Example 5), at which point At3g57290 is not overexpressed any longer allowing a temporal ability to modulate homologous recombination.

All publications referred to herein are incorporated by reference as if each is referred to individually.

**What is claimed is:**

1. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a sequence having 98.5% or more identity with the sequence depicted in Figure 1C or Figure 1E.
2. The nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid is DNA.
3. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 2.
4. A host cell comprising the vector or nucleic acid of claim 3.
5. A polypeptide encoded by the isolated nucleic acid of claim 1.
6. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a sequence having 98.5% or more identity with the sequence depicted in Figure 5A.
7. The nucleic acid of claim 6, wherein said nucleic acid is DNA.
8. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 7.
9. A host cell comprising the vector or nucleic acid of claim 8.
10. A polypeptide encoded by the isolated nucleic acid of claim 6.
11. A method for inducing homologous recombination in a cell, said method comprising modulating the expression or properties of one or more gene products selected from the group consisting of MBM17.5, MBM17.6, osMBM17.5, zmMBM17.5, AtIno80, At3g57300, Rvb1 (At5g22330), Rvb21 (At5g67630), Rvb22 (At3g49830) and At3g57290.
12. The method of claim 11, said method comprising increasing expression of said gene product.
13. The method of claim 12, said method comprising introducing a nucleic acid encoding said gene product into said cell operably linked to a promoter; and allowing transcription and translation of said gene in an amount sufficient to affect homologous recombination in said cell.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said homologous recombination is somatic homologous recombination.
15. The method of claim 13, wherein said homologous recombination is meiotic homologous recombination.
16. The method of claim 13, wherein said promoter is an inducible promoter.
17. The method of claim 13, wherein said promoter is a tissue-specific promoter.
18. The method of claim 13, wherein said promoter is a constitutive promoter.
19. The method of claim 13, wherein said promoter is a meiosis-specific promoter.
20. A method of increasing gene targetting to a desired locus in a host cell, said method comprising introducing a desired gene into a host cell, modulating the expression or properties of one or more gene products selected from the group consisting of MBM17.5, MBM17.6, osMBM17.5, zmMBM17.5, AtIno80, At3g57300, Rvb1 (At5g22330), Rvb21 (At5g67630), Rvb22 (At3g49830) and At3g57290, or functional fragments, derivatives and homologues thereof in said host cell, and detecting integration of said desired gene at a selected locus in the genome of said host cell.

### **Abstract**

The present invention relates to nucleic acids encoding polypeptides involved in homologous recombination, as well as vectors and host cells comprising the nucleic acids and polypeptides encoded by the nucleic acids. Also provided are methods for inducing somatic and/or meiotic homologous recombination in a cell, comprising modulating the expression or properties of one or more gene products selected from the group consisting of MBM17.5, MBM17.6, osMBM17.5, zmMBM17.5, AtIno80, At3g57300, Rvb1 (At5g22330), Rvb21 (At5g67630), Rvb22 (At3g49830) and At3g57290, their homologues, fragments or derivatives. In particular, the methods can be used to increase gene targetting.



Figure 1A

>predicted cDNA of mbm17.5

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# Figure 1B

>predicted protein sequence of MBM17.5

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# Figure 1C

>full length cDNA of mbm17.5

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**Figure 1D**

>protein sequence of MBM17.5

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**Figure 1E**

>over-expressed transcript of mbm17.5 in mutant hw17

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**Fig.2: sequences related to mbm17.6**

**Figure 2A.**

>predicted cDNA of mbm17.6 (DNA polymerase III)

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**Figure 2B**

>predicted protein sequence of MBM17.6 (DNA polymerase III)

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**Figure 3: Osmbm17.5**

>EST clone RICS1367A, *Oryza sativa* homolog of mbm17.5, partial sequence

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**Fig 4: zmmbm17.5**

>EST clone 603011H11, Zea mays homolog of mbm17.5, partial sequence

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Figure 5: AtIno80 and related sequences

Figure 5A

>AtIno80 coding sequence and derived protein

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**Figure 5B**

>Derived AtIno80 protein sequence

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### Figure 5C

>Alignment of Atlno 80 sequence and public sequence, At3g57300, showing splicing difference

Query: claimed sequence

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**>AtRvb21 (At5g67630)**

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**Figure.8:**

>AtRvb22 (At3g49830)

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**Figure 9: At3g57290**

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